



National Engineering Honor Society

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TAU BETA PI LEADERS PREPARE FOR MILLENIUM

More than 325 engineering students from 209 collegiate chapters received leadership and management training and then practiced their skills in conducting the business of Tau Beta Pi's 93rd annual convention held October 8-10 in Manhattan, Kansas.

The growth of the Association is a testament to the steady and enthusiastic 113-year involvement of students in the national engineering honor society. Awards to outstanding members and chapters were presented.

The 1998 Tau Beta Pi Standard of Excellence Award was bestowed upon Dr. William T. Snyder, Tennessee Alpha '54, chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

The R.C. Matthews Outstanding Chapter Award, the top honor to a campus group, went to Maryland Beta at the University of Maryland, with honorable mention to New Hampshire Alpha at the University of New Hampshire.

The R.H. Nagel Most Improved Chapter Award was presented to Massachusetts Delta at Tufts University. California Sigma at the University of California, Santa Barbara, and Ohio Epsilon at Cleveland State University received honorable mentions. Both the Matthews and the Nagel awards are named for former secretary-treasurers of the Association.

The 1998 Tau Beta Pi National Outstanding Advisor Award was presented to Mr. John A. Tucker, retired director of the electrical engineering and computer science student internship program at MIT and advisor to the Massachusetts Beta Chapter.

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Tau Bates who have already demonstrated expertise outside the field of engineering were honored as the Association's 1998 Laureates. Recipients of \$2,500 cash awards and commemorative plaques were: Jonathan M. Owens, senior mechanical engineering student of the University of Alabama, for diverse achievements; and Guang-Ien Cheng, electrical engineering and computer science graduate of MIT, for his diverse accomplishments.

Twent-three scholarships of \$500 (totaling \$11,500) were presented for sustained excellent performance in membership and project activities to 20 chapters: California Phi (Univ. of the Pacific), Florida Alpha (Univ. of Florida), Indiana Delta (Valparaiso Univ.) – two for \$1,000, Iowa Alpha (Iowa State Univ.), Michigan Epsilon (Wayne State Univ.), Michigan Theta (Oakland Univ.), Minnesota Alpha (Univ. of Minnesota-Twin Cities), New Hampshire Alpha (Univ. of New Hampshire), New York Kappa (Univ. of Rochester), New York Omicron (SUNY at Stony Brook) – two for \$1,000, New York Tau (Binghamton Univ.), Ohio Theta (Univ. of Dayton), Ohio Iota (Ohio Northern Univ.) – two for \$1,000, Pennsylvania Theta (Villanova Univ.), South Dakota Alpha (South Dakota School of Mines & Technology), Tennessee Alpha (Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville), Tennessee Gamma (Tennessee Tech. Univ.), Vermont Beta (Norwich Univ.), Wisconsin Alpha (Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison), and Wisconsin Delta (Milwaukee School of Engineering).

A new Executive Council, or board of directors, from the Mid-Atlantic area was installed on October 10, 1998. The new national officers are: President Douglas M. Green, *Texas Beta '65*, P.E., Ph.D., associate dean for research of the Whiting School of Engineering at Johns Hopkins Univ.; Vice President Edward J. D'Avignon, *New York Beta '88*, a lead designer in the advanced cryptographic design and development group of the S/390 division of the IBM Corporation; Councillor Jerome A. Atkins, *District of Columbia Alpha '63*, dean of technology and engineering programs at Regents College; Councillor George D. Peterson, *Ohio Eta '72*, P.E., Ph.D., executive director of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, Inc.; and Councillor Catherine P. Rice, *Maryland Beta '83*, P.E., special assistant to the director of the Maryland State Highway Administration's office of planning and preliminary engineering.

The retiring Council members are: President Edward D. Basta, director of quality assurance and training for Atlas Steel Products Company; Vice President E. William Beans, P.E., professor emeritus at the Univ. of Toledo; Councillor Robert O. Barr, Jr., P.E., retired associate professor of electrical engineering at Michigan State Univ.; Councillor Molly K. Brennan, former engineering manager with General Motors Corporation; and Councillor John R. Luchini, P.E., manager of computational modeling for Cooper Tire and Rubber Company.

Tau Beta Pi is the national engineering honor society, now with 220 collegiate chapters, 59 chartered alumnus chapters, and a membership of more than 381,000 in 85 countries. Engineering students in the top fifth of their senior class, scholastically, are elected to membership on the basis of character. Graduate engineers may be elected on the basis of their eminent achievements in the engineering profession. National headquarters of the Tau Beta Pi Association are located on the campus of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.